

**Remarks**

Claims 1-32 were originally filed in this application. Claims 1-14 and 17-30 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to non-elected inventions. No new claims are added. No claims are currently canceled.

As a result claims 15-16 and 31-32 are pending for examination with claims 15-16 and 31-32 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

**Election/Restriction Requirement**

Originally filed claims 1-32 are restricted to the following inventions: Group I, including claims 1-14, drawn to a water treatment system; Group II, including claims 15-16 and 31-32, drawn to an electrochemical compartment; Group III, including claim 17, drawn to an electrochemical device constructed and arranged; Group IV, including claims 18-21, drawn to an electrochemical device; Group V, including claims 22-23, drawn to an electrochemical device having a felt; Group VI, including claims 24-26, drawn to a method of treating a liquid; and Group VII, including claims 27-30, drawn to a method of treating a liquid.

Applicants elect the invention of Group II including claims 15-16 and 31-32, without traverse, for examination in this application.

Claims 1-14 and 17-30 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, this application is in condition for allowance; a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this Response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If

there is a fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/0214 (Ref. No. I0168-707719).

Respectfully submitted,  
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